

2300 Junior Traffic Aides To Parade Here Tomorrow

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Oakland's Junior Traffic Reserve, the 2300 boys and girls in yellow and black uniform who guard the lives of their fellow pupils, will hold their annual parade and award ceremony tomorrow starting at 12:45 p.m. from Lafayette Square, 10th and Jefferson Streets.

Their elephant mascot, "Miss Effie," will have a prominent place in the line of march past a reviewing stand in front of the City Hall.

To assist the children participating in the parade Key System Transit Lines will carry them free from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Their regulation caps and uniforms will admit them to fare-free rides on all company busses within Central Zone 1 and South Zone 2.

EXTEND COURTESY

Company officials said the courtesy is extended to members of the Traffic Reserve as an expression of appreciation of the work they are doing.

Starting from Lafayette Square, the parade will move along Washington Street past the City Hall and return to the square for an award ceremony and the serving of ice cream and cookies provided by the Oakland Police Department.

At the ceremony the Technical High School ROTC unit will present the colors and Sgt. Alvin M. King, head of the police department's Traffic Education will lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The National Anthem will be played by the Oakland High School Band directed by Harold Youngberg, director of music for Oakland Public Schools.

Rabbi William Stern, one of the police department chaplains, will give the invocation.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Greetings from the city hall will be extended by Mayor Clifford E. Rishell. Other speakers will include Superintendent of Schools Selmer H. Berg and Owen Andker, president of the North Oakland Kiwanis Club which provides trophies for 12 winning school traffic units during the year.

Capt. Wyman W. Vernon of the police department traffic division, will present award certificates to various units for outstanding achievement during the past school year.

Two veteran teacher-sponsors

of the Traffic Reserve will be given awards for "many years of devoted service" by former Police Chief Robert P. Tracy, who is now president of the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council.

To be honored are Gertrude M. Cross and Katherine M. Driscoll, of the Sherman School faculty.

BUSSES RE-ROUTED

During the parade Key System bus lines will be re-routed as follows:

No. 11 line—Via Broadway to 19th, to Webster, to 8th, to Broadway and balance of regular route. Northbound, 17th, to Broadway and balance regular route.

No. 12 line—Regular route in both directions.

No. 14 line—West on 10th to Webster, to 8th, to Clay, to 14th and balance of regular route. Return via 14th to Grove, to 9th, to Franklin to 11th and balance of regular route.

No. 15 line—West on 14th to Clay, to San Pablo, and balance of regular route. Return south on San Pablo to Jefferson, to 14th, and east via 14th and balance of regular route.

No. 18 line—South on Broadway to 19th, to Webster, to 13th and remainder of regular route. Return west and northbound via regular route.

No. 40-43 line—South on Telegraph to 20th, to Webster, to 11th and balance of regular route. Return westbound on 12th to Franklin, to 20th, to Telegraph and remainder of regular route.

No. 42-51-58 lines—South on Broadway to 19th, to Webster, to 7th, and balance of regular route. Return northbound via regular route to 10th and Franklin, thence via Franklin to 17th, to Broadway and remainder of regular route.

No. 46 line—Regular route, crossing

through parade at 12th and Broadway and Washington. Loop 12th to Jefferson, to 13th, to Grove, to 12th and east on 12th.

No. 72 line—South on San Pablo, to Grove, to 12th and return via 12th to Clay, and balance of regular route northbound.

No. 80-81-81A-82 express lines—Westbound on regular route to 10th and Franklin, thence loop via Franklin to 13th and east on regular route.

No. 83 line—West via regular route on 14th to Webster, to 8th and balance of regular route. Return eastbound via 7th to Grove, to 13th and east via 13th and remainder of regular route.

No. 88 line—Regular route south on Market to 16th, to Jefferson, to 12th and west on 12th Street. Return from West 12th via regular route.

"A" trains will operate on regular route without change.

Service will be resumed via regular routes on all lines immediately after the end of the parade.

14 Jr. Traffic Captains Paid Tribute Here

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Captains of 14 winning Oakland Junior Traffic Patrol units were honored yesterday by the North Oakland Kiwanis Club at a luncheon at the Claremont Hotel.

Owen Andker, club president, presented a trophy to Arthur Thompson, skipper of the Garfield School patrol which for four consecutive years was picked

from among the 75 public and parochial school units for all-around excellence in the performance of duty and citizenship.

Other school captains who were honored are: Stephen Sheaff, Chabot; J. C. Williams, Cole; Gretchen Meisner, Burbank; Karen Alward, Rockridge; Stephen Twigg, Sherman; Stephen Benbow, Joaquin Miller; Robert Layng, Washington; Kent Holland, Crocker Highlands; June Ward, Melrose; Barbara Clausen, Horace Mann; Louis La Venture, Lazear; Bill O'Brien, St. Anthony's, and Ross Peters, St. Cyril's.

The boys and girls were accompanied by their school principals or teacher-sponsors at the luncheon.

Traffic Reserve Parade Set For May 29

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More than 2300 children of Oakland's Traffic Reserve today were planning for the annual award ceremony and parade on May 29.

Perhaps one of the more delighted marchers in the huge parade will be the elephant "Miss Effie."

She is the Oakland Traffic Reserve mascot. During the downtown march which will lead past a reviewing stand in front of the city hall, "Miss Effie" will occupy a position of honor near the head of the parade.

The parade will start at Lafayette Square, 10th and Jefferson Streets, at 12:45 p.m. and will thread through the downtown area past the Washington Street side of the city hall and back to Lafayette Square where an award ceremony will take place.

Technical High School ROTC unit will present the colors and Sgt. Alvin M. King, head of the Traffic Education Bureau of the Oakland Traffic Division will lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Oakland High School Band will play the National Anthem, directed by Harold Youngberg. Mayor Clifford Rishell will greet the group.

Rabbi William Stern will give the invocation and Police Chief Lester J. Divine will introduce guests and speakers.

Selmer H. Berg, superintendent of schools, will give a brief address.

Former Oakland Police Chief Robert P. Tracy, now president of the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council, will present the special award.

23,000 Boys and Girls to Take Part In Traffic Reserve Award Rites

An invitation to Oakland's Traffic Reserve award ceremonies to be held May 28 at 1:30 p.m., in Lafayette Square, 10th and Jefferson Streets, was extended today by Police Chief Lester J. Divine to all midday shoppers in the downtown area. More than 2,300 boys and girls who make up the safety patrols

in 71 of the city's public and parochial schools will take part. With Divine presiding, the program will open with the presentation of Colors by the Castle-

mont High School ROTC color guard, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the Flag led by Sgt. Alvin M. King of the Oakland Police Department, and the singing of the National Anthem accompanied by the Fremont High School band. The Rev. Charles R. Hackel, executive director of Catholic Social Services of Alameda County and police department chaplain, will pronounce the invocation.

CLUB AWARDS

North Oakland Kiwanis Club awards, to be presented by Don Marquis, club president, will be accepted on behalf of traffic reserve squads by student captains accompanied by police officer-supervisors, Officers Walton Kennedy, Garrett Kyle Jr. and Jim Pair.

Guest speakers on the program will include: Mayor Clifford E. Rishell, Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune; Selmer H. Berg, superintendent, Oakland Public Schools; the Rev. James N. Brown, superintendent of schools, Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Dr. Forrest Michell, assistant superintendent, Oakland Public Schools.

Awarding of certificates to student captains by Capt. Wyman W. Vernon, traffic division, Oakland Police Department, and the presentation of a special award by Dr. W. Paul Reagor, president of the Eastbay Chapter, National Safety Council, will conclude the ceremonies.

HOURLONG PARADE

The awards program will climax an hour-long parade by Traffic Reserve members through downtown city streets, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Setting out from Lafayette Square, marching units in red jackets and OTR caps led by the Fremont High School band, will parade east on 11th St. to Washington St., passing the reviewing stand at the City Hall, thence to San Pablo and 16th St., along 16th St. to Telegraph Ave., south on Telegraph to Broadway, south on Broadway to 10th St. and west to Lafayette Square for the ceremonies.

Elephant Mascot to Join Traffic Reserve Parade

More than 2,300 boys and girls from 71 public and parochial schools will march in the annual Oakland Traffic Reserve parade next Friday accompanied by their baby elephant mascot, Miss Effie.

Assembling at Lafayette Square, 10th and Jefferson Streets, at 12:30 p.m., traffic squads will march through downtown city streets and past a reviewing viewing stand at the City Hall.

There they will be reviewed by Mayor Clifford E. Rishell, members of the Oakland City Council; Selmer H. Berg, superintendent of Oakland public schools; the Rev. James N. Brown, superintendent of schools, Archdiocese of San Francisco; Don Marquis, president, North Oakland Kiwanis Club, and Dr. Forrest Michell, assistant superintendent, Oakland Public Schools.

The parade route will be east on 11th St. to Washington St., north on Washington to San Pablo Ave. and 16th St. along 16th to Telegraph Ave., south on Telegraph to Broadway, south on Broadway to 10th St. and west on 10th St., returning to Lafayette Square for a special awards ceremony.

Police Chief Lester J. Divine will preside at the awards program. It will open with the presentation of colors by the Castlemont High School ROTC color guard, followed by the

pledge of allegiance to the Flag, led by Sgt. Alvin M. King of the Oakland Police Department, and the singing of the National Anthem under the direction of Harold C. Youngberg, director of music education in the Oakland Public Schools.

The Rev. Charles R. Hackel, executive director of Catholic Social Services of Alameda County and police department chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

Awards will be presented by Marquis, Capt. Wyman W. Vernon, traffic division, Oakland Police Department, and Dr. W. Paul Reagor, president of the East Bay Chapter, National Safety Council.

2,500 Junior Traffic Officers to Parade in Oakland Friday

Oakland Traffic Reserve officers—2,500 red jacketed yellow topped youngsters—will march in their annual parade and review Friday at 12:45 p.m. The parade will honor boys and girls of 72 schools for their outstanding contribution to traffic safety, according to Fred C. Eytel, traffic education officer. An award ceremony in Lafayette Square, 11th and Jefferson streets, will follow. Starting at 11th and Jefferson, Fremont High School's band and O.T.C. color guard will lead the parade to Washington St., to San Pablo Ave. and 16th St., to Telegraph Ave. and Broadway, to 10th St., to Lafayette Square. Oakland High School's band

will lead the second division of squads. Police department heads, city and school officers, and special guests will review the march from a stand at the City Hall plaza. At the Lafayette Square ceremony, Police Chief Wyman Vernon will present a certificate of award from the National Safety Council to each school. Municipal Judge William J. McGuiness, president of the safety council's Eastbay Chapter, will present special awards to two public school teachers and one parochial school teacher, in charge of "outstanding traffic squads." Brief addresses will be delivered by Burchard Styles, president of the Northern Oakland Kiwanis Club; Fred Maggiora, city councilman; Selmer Berg, superintendent of Oakland Public Schools; the Rev. John T. Foudy, assistant superintendent of Catholic Schools and John K. Chapel, news director of Radio Station KLX. Traffic Division Capt. Sidney Brown said that Oakland's Traffic Reserve has a record of no fatalities or serious injuries at school crossings patrolled by students since 1928, when the reserve was founded.

Junior Traffic Squad Wins Cup

The junior traffic squad of St. Columba's School has won the Kiwanis Traffic Squad Award for the third straight year and has been presented with a permanent gold cup.

Burchard H. Styles, president of the North Oakland Kiwanis Club, presented the cup to the captains of the squad for the past three years at a luncheon yesterday in the school, 1086 Alcatraz Ave.

The captains include David Lipsky, 1954, and Leo Rolandelli, 1955, now students at St. Mary's High School, and Wesley Parker, 1956.

Present at the ceremonies were Sgt. Fred Eytel and Patrolmen John J. Shannahan and Harold Smith, Oakland Police Department traffic officers.

David Hernandez was installed as captain of the squad

The luncheon was given the squad by the school Mothers' Club. Also present was Owen Anders, past president of the North Oakland Kiwanis Club.

Other members of the traffic squad include:

Lee Rogers, James Murphy, Michael Deely, Edward Sousa, William Johnson, Ronald Nicoli, William de Andrade, Creswell Morris, Richard Wood, James Kellum, Michael Hayes, Larry Gherlone, Raul Torres, John LaRue, Alexander Clay, Joseph Benjamin, Michael Lipsky, Arthur Robinson, David Hernandez, Stephen Guter, John Sanchez, Charles Collins, Timothy Curtin, Charles Hayes, Malvin White, Richard Riccardio, Kermit Collins, William Katich, Ronald Canada, Reginald Kellum and Douglas Espino.

Junior Traffic Reserve Champs to Get Awards

Awards will be made tomorrow by the North Oakland Kiwanis Club to the 12 top Junior Traffic Reserve units in Oakland schools.

The eighth annual luncheon honoring student traffic captains and faculty sponsors of the winning schools will be held at the Claremont Hotel.

At least once a week during the school year an Oakland police officer and a Kiwanis Club member inspects every patrol in the city. The student traffic officers are rated on promptness and reliability, appearance, efficiency and cooperation, equipment and citizenship.

Award winning schools, the

student traffic patrol captain and faculty sponsor are:

Allendale, Jimmie Payette, Charles Barker; Burckhalter, Kit Oase, Mrs. Florence Reed; Garfield, Candy Sanchez, Mrs. Margaret Byrne; Hoover, Melvin Mathews, Robert Schneider; Lafayette, Norman Okada, George Kelly; Melrose, Joan Trulin, Mrs. Hilda Duff.

Others are: Joaquin Miller, Howard Anderson, Miss Margit Walden; Redwood Heights, Robbie Simon, Alan Wilson; Webster, John Haak, William Gaynor; St. Anthony's, Charles

Welsh, Sister Mary Stanislaus; St. Columba's, David Hernandez, Sister Mary Eleanor; Cyril's, Timothy McCarthy, Sister Mary Stephana.

In charge of the program are club president Sidney W. Williams; Emile H. Bouhaben, chairman of the junior traffic committee; Dr. Forrest C. Mitchell, program chairman, and Sgt. Fred C. Eytel, Oakland police department.

Officers who supervise patrols in four areas of the city are Harold Smith, John Kelly, Ed Lusk and John Shannahan.

Junior Traffic Officers Earn Santa Cruz Trip

More than 2,000 boys and girls will board the Oakland Traffic Reserve Special, a two-train caravan bound for Santa Cruz on Saturday. "not only for convenience and safety, but also because many of our young traffic officers have never had the fun of riding a train."

The youngsters will be treated to a day of swimming, picnicking and boardwalk amusements, in appreciation of their services as school crossing guards. Several hundred parents and eight police officers will accompany the children.

According to Southern Pacific officials, the group is the largest ever to be transported from the city by train.

Departure times are 7:30 a.m. from First St. and Broadway, and 7:35 a.m. from the Fruitvale Station. Both trains will leave Santa Cruz at 5 p.m. and arrive here at 8:30 p.m.

The beach party, co-sponsored by Santa Cruz police and the Seaside Amusement Co., will include 3,500 traffic reserve officers of Northern California, but the chartered trains will carry only Oaklanders.

Rates for concession rides will be reduced.

Sgt. Fred Eytel, traffic education officer, arranged to travel

3,000 Hear Tributes at 33rd Program

The 3,000-member Oakland Traffic Reserve was honored at its 33rd annual review last night in the Municipal Auditorium arena.

Boys and girls representing 85 public and private schools heard commendations from city, school and safety officials for their efforts in protecting the lives of their fellow students at school crossings.

Joining in tribute to the youngsters were City Manager Wayne E. Thompson, Deputy Police Chief Robert J. Preston, Superintendent of Schools Selmer H. Berg and the Rev. John T. Foudy, superintendent of school for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

SPECIAL AWARD

Bernard S. Morris, president of the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council, presented a special merit award to Dr. Forrest C. Michell, assistant superintendent of schools, for providing "outstanding leadership to safety education in Oakland Public Schools" for many years.

The Garfield School patrol for the 12th consecutive year, won a Kiwanis Club trophy for excellence of performance.

Units from 17 other schools received similar trophies. The presentations were made by Frank J. Nicholas, president of the North Oakland Kiwanis Club.

SPONSORS FETED

Special certificates for sponsoring patrol units went to Mrs. Margaret Byrne, Garfield School; Arthur Cleaver, Prescott School; and Sister Frances Eileen, principal of St. Louis Bertrand School.

Mrs. Cora Riser, outgoing member of the Oakland Board of Education, was made an honorary captain in the Traffic Reserve.

Wendall M. Moore, principal of Oakland Technical Evening School, presided at the review.

3,000 Youngsters Serve in Traffic Reserve--Do Fine Job

Oakland Police Sgt. Fred Eytel commands the second largest law enforcement organization in California—the Oakland Traffic Reserve, 3,000 youngsters.

"And no outfit in the State is more respected," according to Eytel. The only force larger is the Los Angeles Police Department.

Charged with guiding about 100,000 children across streets adjoining 81 schools, reservists have been doing their job to perfection since 1928.

No serious accident has ever occurred at an intersection guarded by reservists, once known as "junior traffic patrolmen."

The name was changed because "kids don't like to be called juniors," Eytel explained.

RESPECT YOUNGSTERS

The sergeant believes his organization is successful because motorists respect youngsters more than adults. "Drivers realize the kids are doing an outstanding job and they obey traffic laws out of common decency."

Seeing uniformed boys and girls makes drivers more conscious of traffic safety, Eytel claims.

In the event of a violation, the squad sergeant notes the

auto license, make and color on a special card and mails it to the traffic division. An investigation follows, and the motorist is frequently cited.

To the credit of Oakland drivers, an average of only three reports a month are filed by squads. "That's an indication of the respect drivers have for the guards," Eytel pointed out.

Sergeants are taught never to interrupt the flow of traffic and never to stop trucks or buses.

WHEN ROAD CLEARS

When the road appears clear, the sergeant blows his whistle once. Sign slingers step off the curb into direct view of oncoming vehicles.

After pedestrians cross, the sergeant blows twice and the slingers return.

Youngsters are posted at about 150 crossings. Another 50 intersections are manned by adult guards, who work four and a half hours a day at \$1.60 an hour. Children are allowed to patrol only crossings next to school grounds.

Appointment to the reserve is considered a great honor, and youngsters with highest standing are usually chosen by school officials. More boys are selected than girls.

Each intersection is guarded

by two squads working in shifts to minimize loss of class time.

State law provides that guards must be in at least the fifth grade.

Reservists are issued red jackets, yellow coats and hats and black rain boots. They are trained by Sergeant Eytel and his assistants, Patrolmen John Kelly, Ed Lusk, John Shannahan and Harold Smith.

Pupils are promoted by popular vote or by designation of the principal or teacher-in-charge.

The program began in Oakland at Lockwood School, E. 14th St. and Havenscourt Blvd. Eytel thinks the junior police have saved the taxpayers a great deal of money in the past 30 years.

Total cost, including salaries of the five officers and maintenance of reserve uniforms, is \$47,000 a year.

If adults were hired for all crossings, the burden would jump to \$190,000. If policemen were used, the cost would be \$234,000.

Eytel said the city's youngsters accept the responsibility most willingly. And we try to reward them.

Reserves Will Get Awards

Red jacketed and yellow capped, more than 3,300 Oakland Traffic Reserve members will be reviewed at the Oakland Auditorium Arena on May 23.

The boys and girls, representing 90 public and private schools, will be reviewed by Mayor John C. Houlihan and Police Chief Edward M. Toothman.

The corps is trained by Oakland Police Patrolmen John Kelly, Cecil Price and John Shannahan, under the direction of Sgt. Arthur Jarl and Norman Shapiro, assistant administrator of the Oakland School Department.

The youngsters, who guard the lives of the city's school children from traffic dangers, will be given awards at the ceremony.

Green Cross Merit Awards and North Oakland Kiwanis trophies will be presented at the massive review, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pupil Traffic Patrol Review Wednesday

The Oakland Traffic Reserve School Safety Patrol will hold its annual review Wednesday in the Civic Auditorium arena at 7:30 p.m.

Police Chief Edward M. Toothman has announced that 3,000 children representing 87 public and parochial schools will attend.

The event will start with the grand entrance of the traffic reserve squads followed by the presentation of the colors by the color guard of Oakland Technical High School.

The pledge of allegiance will be led by Lt. Alvan H. Long of the Oakland Police Department's traffic division.

James T. Eeds, director of the Oakland Technical High School and will lead the national anthem.

Special tribute to members of the Oakland traffic reserve will be presented by Dr. Stuart S. Phillips, superintendent of Oakland public schools; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Pierce Donohue, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Oakland; Mayor

John C. Houlihan and Chief Toothman.

The Oakland Traffic Reserve has been in existence for 36 years.

During that time there has never been an injury or death at any crossing protected by a member of the Reserve.

Larger Cities Continue to Use Junior Traffic Patrol

Is the Junior Traffic Patrol on the way out?

It may be in Albany, where the city council has received several letters asking that police officers or adult guards replace the youngsters at crossings.

It already is abandoned in Hayward and Livermore, where school officials say they are happy with the change. But in Oakland and other larger cities, the police and schools seen just as satisfied

with the safety job the pupils are doing and don't favor a switch.

"Our record is that the traffic squads are the safest form of protection," commented Forrest Michell, assistant superintendent of schools in Oakland.

Last year the Oakland Teachers Association noted that children on patrol duty disrupted classes as well as losing some instructional time and recommended that further

study be given this problem.

Dr. Michell said a survey showed that in a few schools, the time lost was as much as 30 minutes. This has been altered so the maximum time out of class has been cut to 12 minutes, he added.

Captain Palmer Stinson of the Oakland Police Department is a firm believer in the patrol — both for the training it gives pupils and the outstanding safety record which the patrol has established.

"We do not feel that adult guards are the most desirable or the highest degree of protection that you can afford a child," he said.

In Oakland, some 3,000 students in public and private schools are equipped and trained through police department funds. In addition, some adult guards have been hired for corners where a complicated traffic pattern might be too much for a child. This costs \$70,000 a year, not including training costs. To substitute adult guards through the city would be a considerable expense, Captain Stinson said. And he thinks children tend to depend too much on adult guards and not sharpen their own safety sense.

What is being done through the city is the installation of pedestrian-actuated signals which replace all crossing guards. These have the advantage of operating 24 hours a day and in giving both adults and children protection. Hayward has depended on adult guards for several years and is very satisfied with them, according to H. Marshall Hansen, assistant superintendent for the elementary district.

Hansen said the major reasons for the change were the added protection it was felt the adults could give and the time student patrol members were losing from classes.

Probably the overriding factor is the size of the city. In smaller ones, only a few crossings present difficulties and the changeover is minor.

Traffic Reserve Review This Week

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Some 1,700 public and parochial elementary and junior high school students who are members of the Oakland Traffic Reserve and their teacher-sponsors will be hon-

ored at the annual review Wednesday night at the Oakland Auditorium.

Among the events of the evening will be presentation of awards to traffic squads and to the outstanding teacher-sponsors.

Guest speakers will be Deputy Police Chief John F. Ream, the Reverend Karen Bloomquist of the Faith Lutheran Church, and Acting School Superintendent Robert W. Blackburn.

The event is sponsored by the Oakland Unified School District and the Oakland Police Department.

Traffic squad students being honored serve on a volunteer basis throughout the school year to provide maximum safety for their fellow students and other pedestrians at school crossings.

Proud Moments For Jr. Police

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The smiling young faces on the program covers and under the bright yellow caps of the 3,000 boys and girls were the same.

And the honor being paid them for their work in guarding the lives of their schoolmates were the same in the Oakland Auditorium Arena and Berkeley's Garfield Junior High School athletic field.

The only real difference was that Oakland's 2,700 children passing in their 38th annual review are members of the Oakland Traffic Reserve, while the 500 others are called the Berkeley Junior Traffic Police. It was Berkeley's 43rd annual review.

A grand entrance of the traffic reserve squads opened the Oakland review Wednesday night, with a "record crowd" watching, according to Police Sgt. Arthur L. Jarl, who coordinates the program with Walton R. Lee of the school department, and an advisory committee of educators and police department members.

The National Anthem was led by Harold C. Youngberg, director of music for the school department, accompanied by the Oakland High School ROTC Band.

The McClymonds Drum Corps finished the program as it accompanied the dismissal of squads.

Heads of public and parochial school departments, Mayor

John Reading and Police Chief Robert J. Preston were among speakers and Carl E. Simon Jr., head of the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council, presented special certificates to six teachers.

These were Caroline Van Buskirk of Redwood Heights, Harold J. Bell of Brookfield, William A. Gaynor of Allendale, Mrs. Iris J. Gordon of Rockridge, Paul I. Berriman of Elmhurst Junior High and Sister Thomas Francis of St. Jarlath's.

The Berkeley program consisted of a military-type review, in which Police Chief Addison Fording and superintendents of public and parochial schools inspected the junior policemen for neatness, equipment and their parade formation.

Leading the march before the reviewing stand was the squad from the California School for the Deaf, with all its commands given in sign language.

Manuel Troutman, 12, preceded the group, and greeted the audience in sign language, which was interpreted aloud by a school counselor, Donald Renzulli.

A new part of the program was the British-style marching drill, by Whittier Junior Patrol, commanded by Jim Wood. A semaphore drill was presented by the West Campus, Berkeley High School Drill Team, commanded by Robert Chew, top sergeant.

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Civic dignitaries, police officers, parents, and school officials paid tribute to 3,300 Oakland Traffic Reserve officers at last night's annual review in the Oakland Auditorium.

The pride and enthusiasm of the reserve was so great that one Lincoln School girl reser-vist marched right out of her shoes and lost one in front of the reviewing stand. She quickly retrieved it and kept marching. In addressing the units from 85 public and parochial schools, Capt. Charles J. Hansen, representing Oakland Police Chief Robert J. Preston, said, "I started my career as a police officer in the Traffic Reserve, and I am very proud to think that we may be helping to train the future policemen and policewomen for the City of Oakland."

Thirty schools were presented with the Kiwanis Club annual trophies and 15 others received merit ribbons. All participating schools were given special certificates.

Garfield School won one of the trophies for the 18th consecutive year. Other schools to win more than 10 times were Melrose School, 13 times; Chabot, 11 times; Crocker Highlands, 14; and Burckhalter, 13.

Trophies also went to Glenview, Sherman, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Columbus, John Swett, Lincoln, Thornhill, Willow Manor, Longfellow, St. Leo, Allendale, Piedmont Avenue, Sequoia, Redeemer Lutheran, Santa Fe, St. Cyril's,

St. Jarlath, Grass Valley, Elmhurst Junior High, Cleveland, Marshal, Clawson, Burbank, Patten, Howard, Maxwell Park, Hamilton Junior High and Lowell Junior High Schools.

This was the first time the runners up were presented with ribbons. They went to Durant, Emerson, Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockridge, St. Augustine, Fruitvale, Horace Mann, Joaquin Miller, Redwood Heights, St. Lawrence O'Toole, Brookfield, E. Morris Cox, Carl Munck, and

Woodland Schools.

Among those participating were Dr. Stuart Phillips, superintendent of schools; the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Pearse P. Donovan, superintendent of schools, Diocese of Oakland, Councilman Joshua R. Rose, representing the mayor; Thomas M. Peterson, president East Bay Chapter, National Safety Council, James Riewerts, president North Oakland Kiwanis Club, and Walton R. Lee, assistant in Administrative Research, Oakland Schools.

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Traffic patrols honored

Student traffic squads from Kaiser and Markham Elementary schools and the Patten Academy won top honors last night at the 57th annual Oakland School Traffic Reserve Review.

More than 2,000 traffic squad members from 60 schools, many wearing their traditional red jackets and yellow caps, watched the winning schools receive the Officer Walley Northcutt Memorial trophies at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center.

Before this year, only one trophy was awarded. But because of the number of schools with traffic squads it was decided to divide the city into 3 districts.

Northcutt was a 28-year veteran of the department when he died in 1975. For the last eight years of his career he was a traffic safety officer.

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3 schools win traffic squad contest

Bella Vista, Lockwood and Peralta elementary schools have won top honors at the 58th annual Oakland School Traffic Reserve Review.

More than 2,000 boys and girls who daily make sure classmates cross streets safely attended the review Tuesday night.

Oakland Deputy Chief of Police Tom Donohue and Superintendent of Schools Joe Coto commended the students during a ceremony at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center.

More than 60 public and private elementary schools in the city have traffic squads, who are rated by police officers on con-

formance to traffic reserve rules and their performance at their street posts.

The three top-rated schools were presented the Wally Northcutt Memorial Award, named after a deceased Oakland police officer who was a traffic safety officer. It was the first time the three schools had won the award.

Accepting the awards for the schools were the student captains of their squads: sixth-grader Terri Johnson for Bella Vista; sixth-grader Erica Johnson, Lockwood; and fifth-grader Tara Mansfield, Peralta.